

J. G. Vawter House  
First Avenue and South Street  
Winterset  
Madison County  
Iowa

HABS No. IA-138

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Iowa	COUNTY Madison	TOWN OR VICINITY Winterset
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) J. G. Vawter House	HABS NO. IA-138
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)

First Avenue and South Street

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1860	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
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SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)

One of a collection of stone structures in Winterset. Owner Vawter a prominent merchant in the community. Good illustration of the evolutionary growth of a house.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

Main block is stone; additions are frame and brick

SKETCHES AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

See photocopies of floor plans.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Octagonal chimneys of cut stone; chimney at south end stops at the ceiling of the second floor, presumably a stovepipe continued down through the house.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)

Lack of fireplaces.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

First addition: late 19th century

Second addition: 1927; Fred Lewis, contractor

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)

Harvey, Robert R. "Historic Stone Architecture of Winterset, Iowa, Prior To and During the Civil War Period," Unpublished Report, Iowa State University, 1960.

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